

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. This application is in condition for allowance except for the presence of claims 1-26 and 36-37 directed to an invention non-elected without traverse.
2. Accordingly, claims 1-26 and 36-37 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 27-35 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The primary reason for the allowance of claims 27-35 is the inclusion of the method step of "forming a protective film having resistance to a liquid at least on an inner wall surface of the reservoir portion in the sealing plate". It is this step found in the claims, as it is claimed in the combination, that has not been found, taught, or suggested by the prior art of record, which makes these claims allowable over the prior art.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LISA M. SOLOMON whose telephone number is (571)272-1701. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the

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